

NORTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP REORGANIZATION MEETING

JANUARY 1, 2015- 12:00 PM

MINUTES

The North Brunswick Township Council held its Reorganization Meeting on Thursday, January 1, 2015 at 12:10 pm at the Municipal Complex located at 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey.

Mayor Womack asked if everyone would make sure their cell phones were turned off during the meeting.

Mayor Womack welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Invocation was done by Rabbi Mendy Carlebach.

Alessandra, Gianna Socio and Richie Zangara led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

“God Bless America” was sung by everyone in attendance in the court room.

Councilman Socio acknowledged the presence of local dignitaries: Board of Education members, Connie Corbin and Gail DiPane, Present President of the Democratic Club, Rich Zangara, Chairman of the Planning Board, Dan DiStefano, Deputy Mayor of South Brunswick, Chris Kilmurray, Freeholder, Kenneth Armwood, Assemblyman, Joseph Danielson, O.E.M. Director, Mark Cafferty, Township Planner, Tom Vigna, Chief Financial Officer, Kala Sriranganathan, Director of Parks & Recreation & Community Services, Lou Ann Benson, Director of Public Works, Eric Chaszar, Director of Community Development, Michael Hritz, Police Chief, Joseph Battaglia, Business Administrator, Robert Lombard, Assistant Business Administrator, Justine Progebin, Confidential Secretary, Janice Larkin, Ryck Suydam, First Lady, Carol Womack, Municipal Clerk, Lisa Russo and Deputy Clerk, Milvi Weiner.

Ms. Russo certified the election.

Mayor Womack administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Bob Corbin.

Councilman Corbin wished everyone a “Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year”. He is starting his fifth term in office and is honored in having the opportunity to work with the council people now up there. North Brunswick has come a long way and to look at the plans for now and the future. Councilman Corbin thanked the residents for helping him make the decision to run again and wanted to thank most of all his family.

Mayor Womack administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Davis.

Councilman Davis wished everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year” and thanked everyone that voted for him. This is the first time that his wife Linda was not out in the audience. It was a difficult time to run for office without his wife being behind him. The first twelve years went by quickly. Issues not just party lines and residents well being was put first. He thanked his family and friends, his three grandchildren, Democratic Party Chairman, Rich Zangara and his wife, Colleen, Vice President Ro Tucker, Gary Hirsch, Township Employee, the Police department, Fire Official, Volunteers, First Aid & Rescue Squad for transporting his wife Linda to the hospital. Councilman Davis asked residents when they receive envelopes for donations for the PBA, Fire Departments or EMS to make donations to these volunteer departments. Volunteer some of your time or volunteer time on committees. They are not able to please everyone – not a perfect town – need areas to work on. North Brunswick best township in town.

Mayor Womack asked Council Members to say who was attending today’s meeting.

Councilwoman Nicola had her sister, Nancy and Ryck Suydam. Former First Lady, Agnes Nicola, her mother was watching the meeting on the TV.

Councilman Andrews had his daughter, Jill, son, Nick, Marissa and Nancy.

Councilman Socio had his daughters, Alessandra and Gianna and wife, Debbie.

Councilman Davis had his son, Adam, daughter-in-law, Carly, grandchildren, Dylan and Parker and his best friend and his wife.

Councilman Corbin had his wife Connie, daughter Ashley & husband, son Bob & girlfriend.

Mayor Womack had his wife, Carol in the audience.

Mayor Womack called the meeting to order.

Roll Call:	Present:	Ms. Narra, Ms. Nicola, Messrs. Andrews, Corbin, Davis and Socio
	Absent:	none

Ms. Russo announced that the notice requirements of the Sunshine Law have been satisfied. Notices were sent to the following newspapers on December 24, 2014: The Home News & Tribune, the Star Ledger and the North Brunswick Sentinel. Also, notices were posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Complex and filed in the Clerk’s office on December 24, 2014.

Mayor Womack called for a motion for election of Council President. So moved by Ms. Nicola to nominate Mr. Andrews, second by Mr. Socio.

Roll Call: Present: Ms. Narra, Ms. Nicola, Messrs. Corbin, Socio and Davis
Absent: none
Abstain: Mr. Andrews

Mayor Womack thanked Former Council President Nicola for a smooth year in office.

Mayor Womack administered the Oath of Office to Council President Ralph Andrews.

Council President Andrews wished everyone a “Happy New Year” and asked everyone to stand up and your neighbor a “Happy New Year”. He thanked his council colleagues and thanked the Mayor for his support in being Council President. It is a great pleasure to serve with him. They may not always agree but the right decision is always made for the citizens of North Brunswick. Council President Andrews said he is blessed for fantastic public employees and has received compliments on them. He thanked the volunteers committees and youth sport organizations. He asked residents to give donations whenever you can to the fire departments. A successful fundraiser was held at Suydam Farms. Council President Andrews wanted to thank former Congressman Rush Holt on his retirement and for being a fantastic mentor for all of us. He was always there for all our residents. Council President Andrews thank his family and for all for coming out today.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve Resolution # 1 -1. 15 – Professional Service Contract / Township Attorney; DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole, LLP. So moved Ms. Nicola, second by Mr. Socio.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Narra, Ms. Nicola, Messrs. Corbin, Davis, Socio and Andrews
Nays: none

Mayor Womack administered the Oath of Office to Township Attorney, Ronald Gordon, Esq.

Mayor Womack asked if any Council member wanted any item removed from the Consent Agenda. Motion made by Mr. Socio to approve items “a – zz” on the Consent Agenda, second by Mr. Andrews.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Narra, Ms. Nicola, Messrs. Corbin, Davis, Socio and Andrews
Nays: none

Resolutions on Consent Agenda:
Professional Services:

a.	Public Defender	<u>Michael Policastro, Esq.</u>	2-1.15
b.	Labor Attorney	<u>Ronald H. Gordon of DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole, LLP</u>	3-1.15
c.	Engineer	<u>CME Associates</u>	4-1.15
d.	Bond Counsel	<u>McCarter & English</u>	5-1.15
e.	Legal Services / Tax Appeals	<u>Harry Haushalter, Esq.</u>	6-1.15
f.	Legal Services / Conflict Tax Appeal Counsel	<u>Shamy, Shippers & Lonski, PC</u>	7-1.15
g.	Appraisal Services, Tax Assessments EUS	<u>McLane Schwartz, Inc</u>	8-1.15
h.	Appraisal Services as an E.U.S	<u>Sockler Realty Services Group, Inc.</u>	9-1.15
i.	Municipal Prosecutor	<u>David P. Lonski of Shamy, Shippers & Lonski, PC</u>	10-1.15
j.	Financial Advisor EUS	<u>ACACIA Financial Group Inc.</u>	11-1.15
k.	Auditor	<u>Hodulik & Morrison, PA</u>	12-1.15
l.	Water / Wastewater Consultant EUS	<u>Frank Mangravite, PH.D.with</u> <u>Public Works Management</u>	13-1.15
m.	Wastewater Collection System Oversight	<u>Stantec</u>	14-1.15
n.	Risk Management Consulting Services	<u>GR MurrayIns, a division of</u> <u>O’Gorman & Young, Inc.</u>	15-1.15
o.	Environmental Engineer Services	<u>Kleinfelder / CME Associates / JM Sorge &</u> <u>T&M Associates</u>	16-1.15
p.	Mechanical Engineer Services	<u>Remington, Vernick & Vena Engineers</u>	17-1.15
q.	Municipal Architect Services	<u>Tokarski and Millemann Architects, LLC</u> <u>and Arcari and Iovino, P.C.</u>	18-1.15
r.	Conflict Public Defender	<u>Brian T. Goldenfarb, P.C.</u>	19-1.15

Directors / Other appointments:

s.	Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator	<u>Mark Cafferty</u>	20-1.15
t.	Director, Department of Public Works	<u>Eric Chaszar</u>	21-1.15
u.	Twp. Fire Chief / 1 st and 2 nd Asst. Chiefs / Chief: Bureau of Fire Prevention	<u>Shanti Narra</u>	22-1.15
v.	Council representative – Council on Affordable Housing	<u>Ralph Andrews</u>	23-1.15
w.	Council representative – Planning Board	<u>Mark McGrath, Candice Howard</u>	24-1.15
x.	Zoning Board of Adjustment (council appt.)	<u>Bill Nelson</u>	25-1.15
y.	Middlesex County Housing Community Development Committee	<u>Fran Cipot</u>	26-1.15
z.	Tax Search Officer	<u>Justine Progebin</u>	27-1.15
aa.	Public Agency Compliance Officer	<u>Michael Proietti</u>	28-1.15
bb.	Protected Tenancy Act Agency		29-1.15

Authorize:

cc.	Fixing interest rate on delinquent taxes		30-1.15
dd.	Collection of interest for delinquent payment of utility charges		31-1.15
ee.	Fee for returned checks		32-1.15
ff.	Tax Assessor to file tax appeals on behalf of Twp.		33-1.15
gg.	Cancel property Tax Refund or Delinquency less than \$10.00		34-1.15
hh.	Special Rules of Order		35-1.15
ii.	Mayor / Council to hold <i>Executive Session</i>		36-1.15
jj.	Establishing a cash management plan and naming official cash depositories		37-1.15
kk.	Purchases from State Contract Vendors		38-1.15

Designate:

ll.	Date, Place and Time for Township Council Meetings		39-1.15
mm.	Official Newspaper		40-1.15
nn.	Sunshine Notice Annual Meetings		41-1.15

Committees: Appointments:

oo.	Traffic Safety		42-1.15
pp.	Library		43-1.15
qq.	Environmental Commission		44-1.15
rr.	Youth Council		45-1.15
ss.	Municipal Alliance		46-1.15
tt.	Citizens Advisory Committee		47-1.15
uu.	Open Space		48-1.15
vv.	September 11 th		49-1.15
ww.	Abilities Council		50-1.15
xx.	Board of Health		51-1.15
yy.	Planning Board		52-1.15
zz.	Recreation Advisory		53-1.15

Mayor Womack administered the Oath of Office to Emergency Management Coordinator, Mark Cafferty and Director of Public Works, Eric Chaszar.

Mayor Womack administered the Oath of Office to Fire Department Officers:

Fire Chief – Donald Salzmann, Sr.

First Assistant Chief – Kevin Meehan

Second Assistant Chief – Kenneth Graulich

Chief: Bureau of Fire Prevention – Thomas Lettieri

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing. No discussion.

Motion made by Ms. Nicola, second by Mr. Andrews that the public hearing be adjourned.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Narra, Ms. Nicola, Messrs. Corbin, Davis, Socio and Andrews
Nays: none

Mayor Womack wished everyone a “Good Year” and stated that it is a privilege and honor to be working with all the professional departments. He is proud of our community.

Benediction was done by Rabbi Mendy Carlebach..

Motion made by Mr. Socio, second by Ms. Nicola to adjourn the meeting.

**Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Narra, Ms. Nicola, Messrs. Corbin, Davis, Socio and Andrews
 Nays: none**

Mayor Womack invited everyone to the Adams AC immediately following this event for a luncheon.

Adjournment – 12:51 P .M.

**Municipal Clerk
Lisa Russo**

The Oaths are filed in the Office of the Township Clerk.

Mayor Womack opened the public hearing.

No discussion.

Motion made by Mr. Socio, second by Mr. Andrews that the public hearing be adjourned.

Roll Call:	Present:	Mrs. Lyles, Messrs. Andrews, Corbin, Davis, Socio and Ms. Nicola
	Absent:	none

Mayor Womack invited everyone to the Adams AC on Cozzens Lane and Hartland Commons.

Motion made by Mr. Socio, second by Mrs. Lyles to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call:	Present:	Mrs. Lyles, Messrs. Andrews, Corbin, Davis, Socio and Ms. Nicola
	Absent:	none

Adjournment – 12:40 P .M.

Benediction – Rabbi Carlebach

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